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THE BALLROOM

A SCENE OF SPLENDOR NOT WITNESSED THERE BEFORE

AT TERPSICHORE'S SHRINE

Youth and Beauty Revel in the Dance and Look Their Prettiest, as with Flying Feet They Keep Time to the Enchanting Music.

"On with the dance
Let joy be unconstrained till morn—
When youth and beauty meet
To chase the hours with flying feet"

This couplet no doubt inspired every one that attended, not the Easter but the after-Lenten hop of the Young Men's Social Club of Middletown on Thursday evening.

It was a success in every feature. There were no extra dances and nothing but praise was heard on every side for the managers who contributed so largely to the enjoyment of the guests.

So faithfully has the TRANSCRIPT portrayed on previous occasions the belle of the ball that our readers will watch to see whose picture we shall now paint upon our canvass.

The patronesses were Mrs E. R. Cochran and Mrs. A. M. Brown. The former was attired in black satin, and the latter in black silk with lace trimmings.

Middletown society was represented by Miss Edith Derrickson in blue cashmere and a bouquet of red roses. Miss Mabelle Parvis in yellow silk trimmed with lace; Bessie Foard, mauve trimmed with lace; Miss Mary Cochran, peach-colored silk and lace; Miss Bessie Reynolds, nile green silk, lace trimmings; Miss Edith Reynolds, white china silk, velvet trimmings, and carried a handsome bouquet of white pinks; Miss Blanche Cochran in blue silk and velvet trimmings; Miss Fannie Derrickson in black satin, bouquet of red pinks; Miss Helen Naudain, green silk and La France roses; Miss Edna Frazier, pink silk and lace; Mrs. Cuthbert Green, pink satin and lace; Miss Lydia Cochran, red lansdowne; Miss Mary Patton Cochran, green henrietta; Miss Jodie Biggs, white lace; Miss Hester Jones, white mull; Miss Ada Cochran, green silk; Miss Adda Foard, ecru cashmere; Miss Daisy Naudain, red cashmere, black velvet; Miss Ada Mifflin, gray lansdowne with changeable pink silk; Mrs. J. B. Maxwell, white silk; Miss May Beasten, black cashmere; Miss Della Clayton, white satin; Miss May Clayton, garnet velvet and white silk; Mrs. J. P. Cochran, red net; Miss Lillie Clayton, black silk, lace trimmings; Miss Mary Pleasanton, black lace, velvet trimmings; Miss May Holt, red silk; Miss Sallie Cochran, white silk; Mrs. James Burnam, black figured china silk.

Odessa was represented by Mrs. F. B. Watkins in blue crepe, trimmed with lace; Miss Sallie Corbit, blue tulle; Miss Natalie Woodal, white silk.

McDonough had as its representative Mrs Clarence Pool, black lace.

Miss Hall was the Port Penn representative. She was attired in blue silk.

Chesapeake City sent a large delagation of her belles. Among them were Miss Carrie Brady, cream silk; Miss Mary Ellison, pale blue silk; Miss Ella Conrey, white tulle; Miss Bessie Conrey, white mull; Miss Barwick, blue silk.

The belles of Delaware City present were Misses Ida Colburne, gray lansdowne; Madaline Colborne, figured china silk; Nettie Colborne, white silk.

Miss Davis, in yellow silk, was a graceful dancer from Milford.

Misses Caulk in white silk and lace, and Kate Ellison in blue silk, were present from Camden, Delaware.

Miss Woodal in white figured china silk is one of Georgetown's belles.

Wilmington sent down a most graceful dancer and charming lady—Miss Lea—who was attired in rich yellow silk, trimmed with lace. Also Miss McWhorter in black net, and Mrs. Dr. Kennedy in yellow crepe with brown velvet trimmings.

Miss Louise M. Downes, a Philadelphia lady, was prettily costumed in white silk. Another lady from the Quaker city was Miss Shackelford, in pink silk.

There were a large number of Maryland ladies present, among whom we noticed Misses Nellie Cochran, Sassafras, white swiss; Emma Wilson, Georgetown, lavendar silk and lace; Mattie Lockwood, Warwick, white mull; Agnes Lockwood, Warwick, yellow silk; Marie Lockwood, Warwick, white mull; Bessie Boyer, Massey's, white silk; Carrie Causey, Chestertown, heliotrope henrietta; Ada Carter, Henderson, pink silk and velvet; Miss Litzenberg, Elkton, pink tulle.

Among the male devotees of Terpsichore present were Harry Hall, Port Penn; Davis Brown, Ward Cruikshank, and Mercer Bailly, Philadelphia; W. Scott Townsend, Wilmington; Robert Davis, Milford; Thos. Frame, Wilmington; Edward Beck, Smyrna; Bennett Steele, Chesapeake City; Geo. Townsend; Frank Strickland, Clayton; Al. Reynolds and Frank Gilpin, Elkton; Dr. Kennedy and Gilbert B. Downes, Philadelphia; J. H. Constable, Elkton; C. Watkins, Jr. and F. B. Watkins, Odessa; Clarence, Howard and Frank Pool, McDonough; E. R. Cochran, Jr., W. R and Victor Reynolds, Dr. H. L. Clayton, Clarence Clayton, Will Lockwood, Will Metten, John Rothwell, Cuthbert Green, J. B. Maxwell and etherf.

"ENLISTED."

A Creditable Performance With a Few Drawbacks.

Undoubtedly the illness of Miss Edna Frazier was accountable for the poor productions of the above drama on Monday evening but the audience that greeted it were not of that criticizing element that made it unpleasant for the members of the company. Some of the actors did remarkably well, others did not do so well, but it was not the fault of the heart but of the head.

Special mention should be made of some of them. George Rose was the life of the play, his portrayal of the character of the typical plantation darky brought down the house. The ladies were very good The part taken by Miss Foard undoubtedly placed that lady in a very embarrassing possition, but with it all, it had the effect of producing a like result upon the members of the cast.

The proceeds netted the Fire Company about $20.

A BIG PAY-ROLL.

Girls That Make From Ten Twelve Dollars Per Week.

The TRANSCRIPT has already announced that the shirt factory desired to extend its limits beyond that of its present capacity in order to keep pace with the demand for its staple goods.

It is now proposed to build an addition to the present building, to be used as a packing room, and the firm is willing to pay a rental equal to about ten per cent. of its cost. There is at present on the pay roll of the shirt factory 103 persons, and in this number there are ten ladies who have made at least $20 for their two weeks work and one young lady who has made $25.27. Such figures are very encouraging and it is more than probable that with the coming of spring time there will be many new applicants.

CUT AN ARTERY.

A Little Girl Falls Against a Show Case With Serious Effects.

While playing in the store of her mother on Saturday evening last, a little daughter of Mrs. A. S. Adams fell with her head against the show case with such force as to shatter the heavy glass.

Her forehead was cut badly by the glass, which severed an artery just over the right temple, as a result from which the child bled profusely, making her very weak.

Medical aid was at once summoned, and the flow of blood stopped after some difficulty. She is now recovering slowly and hopes to be about before long.

Advertised Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining at the post office, Middletown, Delaware, for the week ending March 30th, 1893:

William N. Williams, Esq, John Rowan, Mr. Charles E Stiner, Mr. J. W. Jackson, Mrs. Jane Joenson, Miss Lena Zeba, Miss Mary Briscoe.

Persons calling for the above will please say they are advertised.

Vestrymen Elected.

At the annual meeting of St. Anne's parish held on Easter Monday, the following were elected to serve on the Vestry for the ensuing year: Wardens, H. N Willits and H. A. Nowland; Vestrymen, M. N. Willits, J. B. Foard, W. A. Comegys, W. G. Lockwood; W. D. Bradford, N. J. Williams and G. V. Peverly.

Peninsula Relief Association.

The Peninsula Mutual Relief Association met in Easton, Md., on Wednesday. Dr. T. H. Gilpin who was elected a director in January, was present, and reports the association in a prosperous condition, which will be gratifying to the many members in this community.

Forest Fires in Maryland.

Forest fires have destroyed much valuable timber in Maryland during the recent dry spell. Jones forest near Millington has been burning for several days, and forest in Cecil county have been numerous. The destruction of the fine forests of Jersey has incurred great losses.

Mr. Dupont's Yacht Launched

The Aurecoir, the steel schooner-rigged steam yacht being built by the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company for Wm. Dupont, was launched Thursdas afternoon at Wilmington. She is 160 feet over all and 23½ feet breadth of beam.

Dover Getting High Toned.

—Our Dover friends are getting kind o' citified lately. They have a stream running near the town that has always been known as Jones' Creek, but now that they want to run a small steam boat on it they have given it the high-sounding title of "St Jones' River."

A NOVEL PHILANTHROPIC IDEA.

The Helping Hand Visitors' Club And What It is Doing for the Working Girls in the Big City.

"Oh! how I wish I could get out of the hot city for a little rest and change this summer! I can't afford to pay cash for my board; but, indeed I'd be very glad to sew or do any kind of work about the house for it," exclaimed a bright young woman to a sympathetic customer with philanthropic inclinations, whom she was serving. "No; I've no one I could visit," she continued, in reply to the natural suggestion that she might visit a friend.

A few days later the customer was calling at a charming little home in a pleasant suburb, when her hostess, apropos of some pressing duties, said:

"If I knew of some nice young woman who would like to spend a week or two in the country, and who would come and stay here and help me a little with my work each day, I would board her without charge, and be glad of the chance! It would really be a mutual benefit; she would have an inexpensive outing—a genuine outting, too, for I could easily arrange matters so that she might have a good portion of each day for recreation and to enjoy this bracing air and picturesque scenery—and I could get "caught up" in some of my sewing, and have some rest, too; and each would be giving a full equivalent for value received. You're always studying up some plan to help people who try to help themselves, can't you suggets something for my case?"

She of the philanthropic inclinations immediately bethought herself of the bright young woman in the stiffling city shop. They talked the matter over, and in less than a week the city girl was enjoying the longed-for country surroundings, while her hostess was equally happy in the prospect of getting "caught up" in her work and having some rest. The experiment proved a perfect success; and thus was sown the germ which has grown into the Helping Hand Visitors' Club, a unique organization, formed on the plan carried out in the first experiment, through which those who have homes in the country and who would like to receive a Helping Hand Visitor for a sojourn of any specified length can be put into communication with respectable self-supporting women in cities—clerks, seamstresses, milliners, etc.—who, though anxious to spend a short vacation in the country, cannot afford the necessary expenditure for board.

Undoubtedly, there are many who would be glad to receive these young women into their homes on the condition that in return for board and lodging they would render service in sewing or housework leaving themselves, of course, sufficient time during the day to enjoy the pleasurers of walks, drives, or other recreations.

A Central Bureau has been established in New York for furthering the purposes of the club, and extending its development in all directions.

Philanthropic women interested in forming local branches for carrying out this great work, housekeepers wishing to receive Helping Hand Visitors, or young women desiring to spend their vacation under such conditions, are invited to address the Secretary of the Helping Hand Visitors' Club, 15 East Fourteenth Street, New York, enclosing a stamped envelope for reply.

MARCH PERCENTAGES.

The Roll of Honor in Middletown Public Schools for March.

DEPARTMENT No. 1—Julia Staats, Lucy Cochran.

DEPARTMENT No. 2.—Evelyn Littleton and Mabel Derrickson.

DEPARTMENT No. 3.—Myrtle Gary, Lizzie Hopkins, Jessie Culbertson.

DEPARTMENT No. 4.—Charles Talbot, Helen Smith, Nina Gary, George Moore, Nora Cleaver, George Kelley, Elwood Reed, Walter Taylor, Ethel Ginn, Ada Roberts, Bessie Craddock, Grover Talbot, Bertha Gary, Eva Whitlock.

DEPARTMENT No. 5.—Jeannette Schreitz, Sylvia Moore, Annie Berkman, Ella Burchard, Susie Foard, Edith Allee, Blanche Messick, Lillian Cleaver, May Sharp, Lena Blome, Oscar Whitlock Julian Foard, Harry Downie.

DEPARTMENT No 6.—Florence Adams, May Ennis, Florie Owens, Elsie Jones, Annie Courrie, Richie Moore, Maurice Burstan, Thomas McWhorter, Sammie Burstan, Herman Wilson, Clara Whitlock.

WOODLAND SCHOOL.—The following named pupils averaged 90 per cent. or above for the month ending March 31st, 1893: Irving Metten, Frank Racine and Harry Dolson.

CATERER GRAVES.

Death and Funeral of a Man Well Known Throughout the State.

Robert Graves, the well known caterer, of Wilmington, died at his home on Sunday, of bright's disease, in his 75th year. His funeral, which took place on Wednesday, was largely attended by friends and patrons, both white and colored. There were many tributes of respect paid to the memory of the man whose services for years have been in demand far and near, on such occasions as weddings, parties and receptions. There were a number of handsome floral offerings, among them one from General and Mrs. Jams Wilson, John H. Jackson, Mrs. S. M. McComb, Mrs J. D. Bush, also a handsome design from the florist of whom he bought flowers, and one from the waiters whom he employed. The interment was at Mt. Zion Cemetery. Graves was the richest colored man in the State, and leaves an estate estimated variously from $50.000 to $100,000.

Gardening.

Gardening is now engaging the activities of not a few of our people, especially our old men and maidens. Some of the latter are found wielding the shovel and the hoe with surprising dexterity; and from burning brush to spading a bed they are equally skilful. There are no early vegetables quite so enjoyable as those raised in one's own garden, and while some who do not like to dig; insist that it is cheaper to buy your garden truck, the majority of those who have a garden-plot, prove the tilling of it a very profitable experiment. Already there are many who have peas, beets, radishes, lettuce and onions planted.

Farewell Party.

Misses Bessie and Adda Foard gave a delightful little dancing party at their home on Tuesday evening last. There was music, dancing, etc, and it was heartily enjoyed by all present.

WEDDINGS.

THE BRILLIANT DISPLAY AT THE HORSEY-CROW NUPTIALS.

OTHER WEDDINGS IN APRIL.

The Army of Benedicts Increasing. Middletown Society Represented at one of the Finest Weddings Ever Held in Wilmington.

At the many weddings that have taken place in Grace M. E. Church, of Wilmington, the most beautiful and elegant was that of Miss Edith Lisle Crow, eldest daughter of Mr. Andrew Crow, to Mr. William Horsey, of Crisfield, on Monday evening. The church was adorned with most exquisite flowers, and a large assemblage of interested friends witnessed the nuptials.

As the bridal party entered the church, a quartette choir composed of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Benson, Miss Mary Thielman and William L. Todd sang Wagner's Lohengrin which was a novel feature but very befitting the joyous occasion.

Te ten ushers—Messrs. Benson Dennis, Joseph Mendenhall, Clifford Izzard, Charles Tazenell, Ed. Slocum, William K. Reynolds, Walter Butler, Ralph Lupton and Howard Craig—led the way, followed by the other members of the party, numbering 21. The bride attired in white satin trimmed with Dutchesse lace, carrying Bride roses and leaning on her father's arm was met at the altar, by the groom and his best man, Dr. William Smith, of Salisbury, Md.

The maid of honor, Miss Blanche Crow, sister of the bride, wore pink bengaline silk trimmed with pink rose buds, and carried Catharine Mermet roses.

The flower girls were Miss Nellie Crow, sister of the bride, and Miss Mary Appleton her cousin, of Middletown, wearing white India silk, trimmed with lace, and carrying baskets of white flowers.

The bridesmaids were Miss Corinne Cochran, of Middletown, Miss Carrie Hoffecker of Wilmington, Miss Margaret Dennis, of Crisfield, and Miss Virginia Smith, of Salisbury, Md., all wearing white India silk trimmed with lace and carrying Marechal Neil roses.

The ceremony was performed by Rev; J. Y. Dobbins, D. D., pastor of Grace Church assisted by Rev. Jacob Todd, D. D., pastor of Trinity Church, Philadelphia. After the twain was made one, the handsome groom and graceful bride with their train of attendants, slowly left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by George Maris, the organist.

Coaches in waiting conveyed the bridal party and guests to the residence of the bride's parents, 1007 Washington street, where a brilliant reception was given from 8:30 to 11 o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and art bowers, Easter lillies, tulips and lillies of the valley were in great profusion. Mrs. Crow received in a magnificent pink brocade silk en traine with pink feather trimming. There was nothing lacking to make the whole affair the most beautiful of Easter weddings.

A large number of handsome presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsey left on the 12:13 train for Baltimore. They were accompanied to the depot by a number of friends' amid the blowing of horns, showers of rice and the never to be omitted "old shoe." The bride's coach was drawn by a span of beautiful white horses. Mr. and Mrs. Horsey will reside in Crisfield.

Among the guests were Richard Woods, H. C. Harper and E. C. Jenkins, of Wood, Brown & Co., of Philadelphia, of which firm Mr. Crow is a member. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins, Dr. and Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Harper Miss Harper and Martin Walker, of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Horsey, of Crisfield. Mrs. Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Appleton, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Miss Addie Hazzard and Hugh C. Browne, of Middletown. Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Vandever, Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Charles Flemming, of Clayton. Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Smyrna, and many prominent Wilmingtonians; Dr. and Mrs. Dobbins, Mayor and Mrs. Willey; Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Robinson, Rev. Charles E. Murrry, Mrs. Plummer, Miss Lillian Plummer, Col. Enoch and Mrs. Moore, Rev. A. T. and Mrs. Scott, Misses. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and many others.

Mrs. Horsey is very well known here, and her many friends extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and joyous wedded life.

Clayton—Freeman.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Freeman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs William R. Freeman, and Mr Walter G. Clayton were married in the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Chesapeake City, Wednesday afternoon, in the presence of a large number of friends, the Rev. William Schuler, rector of Trinity Church, Elkton, officiating. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Thomas Freeman, of Philadelphia. The ushers were Messrs. Bennett Steele, Harry Howard and Julian Clayton, of Chesapeake City, and Thomas Reed, of Philadelphia. A reception was held at the future home of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton, on Bohemia Manor.

Hall-Allee.

James C. Hall and Miss Mary Allee, both of this town, were married on Monday at Dover, by Rev. R. H. Adams. The newly wedded pair returned to Middletown on an evening train the same day and were welcomed at their home on Crawford street where they have taken up their abode. The mony friends and patrons of Mr. Hall, gave him a serenade during the evening and enjoyed the hospitality of the bride and groom.

A Port Deposit Wedding.

Miss Edna L Thompson, of Port Deposit Md., was married on Thursday to Isaac W. Hammond of Battle Swamp, in the Hopewell M. E. church. Rev. B. F. Price performed the ceremony.

Announcements.

—Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Lou R. Simcoe, daughter of George Simcoe, Esq., of Bay View, to Edward A. Gillespie of Nottingham, Pa., to take place at the home of the bride, on the 12th of April.

—A beautiful but quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Tolson, in Millington, Wednesday evening, March 29. The contracting, parties were Miss Cora, their eldest daughter and Mr. W. B. Hilyard, a prosperous young merchant of Kenton.

—D. Frank Wilds, son of D S. Wilds of Kenton, and Miss Helen Wallis, daughter of Dr. W. G. Wallis, were married at Kenton on Monday evening, March 27th, by Rev. A. Chandler. The bridesmaids were Miss Katie Wallis and Miss Etta Baily, of Kenton. The ushers were William Arthurs, Harry Wright, Walter Wallis and Harry W. Moore.

A SPELLIN' BEE.

The Temperance Legion Awards Pretty Prizes.

The Spelling Bee on Tuesday evening, by the young folks of the Temperance Legion, furnished a very enjoyable entertainment for those who were in attendance, and both audience and performers found pleasure and profit in the exercises. The Headquarters, where the entertainment was given, presented a very attractive appearance, and the boys and girls were full of expectancy. The class, numbering 16, was as follows: Dora Culbertson, Mary Hayes, Ella Jarrell, Fanny Burstan, Bessie Dodd, Sallie Jolls, Mabelle Taylor, Mary Dunning, Abbie Derrickson, Clarissa Richards, Evelyn Littleton, Susie Parker, Florence Kelly, Lena Craddock, Harry Howell and Bert Suydam. The words were taken from Monroe's speller, which is used in our public schools, and while, for the most part they were such as are in common use, they embraced many quite difficult words, and furnished an excellent test of the spelling abilities of the contestants. Miss Addie Hazzard who was the instigator of the Bee, gave out the words, and took the greatest pains to speak and prononnce them with careful distinctness. Her rulings in every case were most correct and just. As pedagogue all agreed that she could not be excelled. A trial trip of several rounds prepared the class for the real contest, and though all spelled well, there was a pretty general sitting down before very long.

There was a great deal of interest manifested when the number was reduced to three, Dora Culbertson, Florence Kelley and Harry Howell, and much amusement was afforded when all three failed on the simple word superintendent. Then the whole class was called back and all had another trial, much to the satisfaction of those who were among the first to sit down. It was somewhat surprising to note that when one failed several almost certainly misspelled the same word. Such words as bivouac, brigade, battalion, sword, musket, howitzer, enumerate and certificate won defeat for all but two, and Mabelle Taylor and Mabelle Derrickson kept up a close contest; finally the former's voice began to show signs of nervousnes, and with a tremulous quaver her "soprano" utterly failed her, and Mabelle Derrickson, as the successful contestant, was awarded the prize, a beautiful book, which was presented by Miss Hazzard. The audience manifsted the greatest interst throughout the whole contest, and were loud in their praise of the good work done by the whole class. And while everyone did well and were a credit to themselves and to those who had the entertainment in charge, we cannot refrain from specially mentioning Florie Kelley, probably the youngest one of the number, but one of the best spellers, and only failed through timidity. Dora Culbertson also deserves special mention. There is no better exercise for either young or old than such contest, and it is to be hoped that another will follow at no very distant day. Besides being very entertaining, they are very instructive, and in a moral and intellectual tone, are in striking contrast to some of the pastimes which many young people are given up to.

There were several musical selections on the programme, a very pretty solo by Hattie Barnard and also a solo by Belle Walmsley. The audience was not so large as could be desired, but appreciation and approval helped to make amends for the lack of numbers, and if again the boys and girls will spell for the Temperance cause, they will certainly have a large audience.

FOR MURDER.

William Evans Faces a Sussex County Jury.

The trial of William Evans, charged with murder in the first degree, began at Georgetown, on Monday. The case has attracted considerable attention, and for the atrocity of the crime is one of the most remarkable on record. Last August the infant son of John Rosser, a farmer living near Seaford, died, it is supposed, from drinking water which Evans is charged with poisoning. Having a grudge against the Rosser family, it is beleived that he contemplated their destruction, and poisoned the well with arsenic. The little boy was the only fatal victim. His mother was ill for weeks, but finally recovered.

A SOJOURN IN THE SOUTH

And a Pilgrimage to the Far West via the Pennsylvania Railroad.

On March 28th the last personally-conducted tour to Florida will leave New York and Philadelphia. Tourists have the option of returning on any regular train prior to May 31st, 1893. Fifty dollars from New York, $48 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points, cover, in addition to round-trip transportation all necessary expenses en route going.

On March 29th the last California tour leaves the east for the most wonderful and delightful trip it is possible to make in this country.

A tourist agent and chaperon accompany each party and everything possible is done for the comfort and entertainment of the tourists. All information regarding rates, routes, &c., may be obtained on application to the tourist agent, Pennsylvania Railroad Company, 233 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, 849 Broadway, New York, 860 Fulton street, Brooklyn, or ticket agents of the company.

Getting Around Again.

Postmaster A. G. Cox is making rapid strides towards return to health and strength. He is now able to take short rides in the balmy spring air, and for the first time since the middle of January he was seen on our streets on Tuesday. Accompanied by Dr. Constable he rode to the post office and down by the church and parsonage. His many friends along the way were hailing him with delight, and joyful exclamations were mingled with words of greeting. He did not alight from the carriage, but made brief calls upon a few of his friends, the TRANSCRIPT among others, and none were more glad to see him than we. Long may he live to comfort the old and counsel the young.

—Vermont has twenty-six Chinaman.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Minnie Elliott of Bridgeville, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Taylor.

—Mrs. Martha Barnard is visiting her daughter at Cheswold.

—Mr. Horace M. Walker of New York, was in town on Monday.

—Dr. Yocum of Pottstown was a guest at Mr. Wm. Taylar's on Sunday.

—Miss Lidie Hukill, of Pittsburg, is visiting her cousin, Miss Jessie Hukill.

—Dr. W. E. Barnard and sister, Miss Hattie, spent Easter at Still Pond.

—Mrs. Cummins, of Smyrna, visited her brother, Mr. N. J. Williams on Monday.

—Mrs. R. H. Matlack spent yesterday and to-day in town, visiting Mrs. V. W. Massey.

—Mrs. A. E. Shephard and daughter Miss Lizzie, spent a few days in Smyrna this week.

—Miss Addie Hazzard, spent several days this week visiting friends in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

—Mrs. S. Harris, of Glasgow, has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Green for the past few weeks.

—Mr. C. N. Dodd is improving the appearance of his property by a neat fence around his dwelling on Crawford street.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Janvier have have moved to Wilmington, and have taken up their residence in a beautiful home on Franklin street.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. Darlington entertained their pastor Rev. N. M. Browne and family and Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor at a dinner on Thursday.

—William S. Moore, formerly of this town, but recently of Toronto, is quite ill at that place. His parents and many friends here are very anxious about him, and unusual sympathy is felt for his parents, who are widely separated from him. A recent dispatch from his aunt, Mrs. Carson, tells of more favorable symptoms, and his speedy recovery is earnestly hoped for.

HERE AND THERE.

—Forty-four guns are fired for a national salute, one for each state.

—Mrs. Cleveland will not attend the opening of the World's Fair.

—Just 1827 carloads of Fair exhibits have been received in Chicago.

—In the space of a minute the polypus can chage its form 100 times.

—The Mississippi and its tributaries have 12,854 miles of navigable water.

—Go to J. B. Foard for Nickerson's famous fertilizers and Bissell Chilled Plows. A full line of Oliver parts on hand.

—Senators are leaving Washington, and there will soon be no quorum.

—Every gem known to the lapidary has been found in the United States.

—Yesterday was "fast day" in the States of Massachusstts and New Hamshire.

—The Crumps wish to give the New York her trial right after the naval review.

—There is no truth in the report that martial law has been proclaimed in Chile.

—The Berlin treaty providing for a joint control of the Samoan Islands is still in force.

—Between now and May 1 7,500 car loads of exhibits will arrive at the Chicago Fair grounds.

—The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad's exhibit is on its way to Chicago on a special train of sixteen cars.

—I am now ready to show my spring millinery. A fine line and all the latest styles. MRS. A. S. ADAMS.

—Last Sunday was very propitious for Easter bonnets, and though a little early there were quite a nunmer out.

—The reorganized Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company's output during the last fiscal year was $5,800,000.

—The Dover M. E. Church has recently organized a choir composed exclusively of male voices, to sing at the evening services.

—Shad have made their welcome appearance in our local markets, but until the prices are a little lower, perch will have to furnish our brain food.

—Commencing next Monday we will send laundry away twice a week, Mondays and Thursdays. Goods will be delivered on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you want good, clean, sweet-smelling laundry, send it to Mrs. A. S. ADAMS.

—"Uncle Charles" Eliason died at his home in New Castle on Thursday in his 72d year. His remains will be brought to Middletown on the 3:37 train this after noon. Services will be held in Forest Presbyterian Church and interment in Forest Cemetery.

—The sparks which in cold weather fly from the fingers when a metallic object is touched are due to the electricity produced by the friction between the soles of the shoes and the carpet. The electricity is not formed in the body at all, and has nothing to do with the vital processes.

—It is a very popular promenade out Broad street to the cemetery on a Sunday afternoon for some of our young ladies and gentlemen. But that handsome young clerk must not indulge in so much hugging and kissing as was demonstrated on a recent occasion. 'Tis bad form, you know!

—There lives a man in Webster county, W. Va., by the name Wharton, aged 80 years, whose hair and beard are turning from white to black. He is said, also to be cutting a new set of teeth, "while his whole appearance is said to indicate a man of about 40 years instead of one nearly 90."

—The descendants of Columbus will sail from Southampton, England, to-day, en route for the World's Fair. They will be present at the Walnut Street Theatre, Philadelphia, one week from next Monday night to witness Columbus and his surroundings as understood by Edward Everett Rice.

—One of those balmy days early in the week, there came stealing through our open doors strains of music so soft and sweet, we wondered from whence they came. 'Twas like the rippling of waters and twittering of birds, in such limpid tones as are only heard from a music box. We straightway dropped our implements of toil, and started out to find the "heavenly maid," and soon located the enchantress at Bragdon's drug store, where all day long a most musical music box plays such fascinating airs from Trovatore Faust, etc.

EASTER AT THE CHURCHES.

What They Offered to Worshipers on Sunday Last.

Easter services were held in all our churches last Sunday. The beautiful, bright spring day enabled many to get out who have not had that privilege for some time and large congregations of old and young thronged the various places of worship. An unusually large attendance from the country was observed. The very atmosphere seemed to breathe of the resurrection story, and the glad salutation, "The Lord is Risen!" was passed from one to another.

In the M. E. Church there were appropriate floral decorations, fragrant lillies and palms being the most notable. The sermons both morning and evening were on Resurrection and contained many lessons for the hour.

At St. Anne's P. E. Church, the music and flowers were beautiful, especially at the morning service, and the sermons both in the morning and afternoon were very forcible.

At the Presbyterian Church the services were very interesting, the sermons, music and decorations all in harmony with the day.

St. Joseph's R. C. Church was never so prettily decorated as on Sunday. The ladies who trimmed the altar displayed both skill and taste, and the little churth was in real Easter array. Mrs. G. W. Stevens and Mrs. Helen Mifflin had charge of the music which was also excellent, and the sermon by the new pastor, Rev. Father O'Connor, was a very beautiful tribute to the occasion.

THE MEPTROPOLITAN AIR

That Surrounds W. R. Reynolds' New Turf Exchange.

Monday we visited the new store of W. R. Reynolds on Cochran Block as we had heard various traveling men say, sitting around the hotel stove, that he had the neatest store and most complete stock of Turf and Speeding goods outside of the city, and we were not disappointed. On the right of the entrance is a large glass case fully nine feet in height and three-fourths the length of the building, containing the "Hand-made Harness" while on the left was a smaller case containing fine blankets, sweaters, coolers, &c., ajoining which stands a 14-foot collar rack loaded with work and wagon collars; in the centre of the room are two mammoth counter cases filled with boots, bandages, toe-weights, scrapes, &c. Mr. Reynolds kindly called our attention the handsome engravings of speedy horses, which he has encased in handsome frames, consisting of Nancy Hanks, Mascott, Kremlin, Elberon, Axtel, Sunol, Phallas, Brown, Hal Pointer, Robert J., Jay Eye See, Direct, Guy, Spokane, Terra Cofta and Macbeth III, the last three are runners; also the double team Belle Hamlin and Justina, in fact the exhibit contains over a half hundred noted stars of the trotting turf, and are well "worth the price of admission."

The cases are finished in cherry, while the desk is of oak and the store is undoubtedly a well stocked one. Several farmers and townsmen were in the store at the time of our visit and the general business appearance of the place struck us forcibly as bearing a decidedly metropolitan aspect.

The upper floors are used for manufacturing purposes, while the basement is used as a store room for oils, grease, coal &c. The proprietor never wearies of receiving his many friends and customers as they are always sure of a welcome at the "Turf Exchange."

Six Men Drowned.

LEWES, DEL., April 6.—The fishing schooner Laughing Water arrived at the Delaware Breakwater Thursday evening, having on board twelve men, survivors of the fishing schooner Genesta, of Gloucester, Mass., which capsized that morning in a squall of wind thirty miles off Barnegat. Six men were drowned. Their names are Hustings, Clark, Butler, two brothers named Doane and McKenney.

Captain Anderson, of the Genesta, reports his vessel as sinking in three minutes, and the twelve men were only saved by his quickly cutting the fastenings of their seine boat as she went over, the boat being on the windward side. They were picked up by the Laughing Water at 8 o'clock Thursday morning.

The Genesta was a new vessel and left Gloucestor last Saturday night on her first trip with sixty tons of ballast and a complete fishing outfit. Her value was $10,000.

ODESSA.

ODESSA, April 6.—Miss Sallie Enos is visiting at Sudlersville, Md.

Mrs. E. C. Mote is the guest of friends in Hockessin.

Miss Birdie Rose who has been visiting in Philadelphia has returned home.

Miss Fannie Griffinburg is the guest of friends in Philadelphia.

Misses Mabelle and Lida Lloyd spent Saturday in Philadelphia.

Miss Ella Rhodes is visiting the Misses Hevalow at Summit Bridge.

Mr. W. P. Mifflin and wife, of Philadelphia, were the guest of Dr. W. V. Woods this week.

Mr. F. M. Toppin, representative of the Philadelphia Record, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Courtney Enos, of Trenton, N. J., are the guest Mr. Jos. H. Enos and family.

Miss Ada Hayden, of Fieldsboro, was the guest of the Misses Lloyd last week.

Mr. F. H. Davis has removed his harness establishment to the store formerly occupied by J. G. Armstrong.

Miss Lizzie Morris is visiting the Misses Baker.

The Steamer Clio commenced making her regular trips on Monday.

L. Scott Townsend, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George L. Townsend.

Miss Lou Corbit, who has been attending school at Germantown, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Cerbit.

The schooner Alaska has been loading corn here this week for William Lea & Sons, of Wilmington.

THE RECITAL

WHAT OUR PRESBYTERIANS WILL OFFER NEXT WEEK.

A CLASSICAL PROGRAMME

Professor Morgan's Second Organ Recital at the Forest Church on Tuesday Evening—What is In Store for the Music-Loving Public—Home Talent Will Assist.

The second grand organ recital which will be given in the Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening at 7.45 o'clock, will far surpass the former one given last fall. The church choir will render some choice selections, quartettes, duetts and solos. The chief attraction, however, will be Prof. Irvin J. Morgan who will preside at the organ. He delighted his hearers at his first appearances that he cannot fail to have a large audience on this his second visit. It is a great privilege to hear this distinguished performer, and on this occasion he will give an unusual number of selections, 14 in all, which he rarely does in one evening. The programme in full is as follows:

The church will be appropriately decorated with flowers and the occasion promises to be very delightful. Mr. Haskins, Sr., was in town last week inspecting the new organ, and this fine instrument will be in perfect order for the recital. The admission is free. A collection will be taken to defray expenses. Everyone who can should take advantage of the opportunity to hear this musical treat.

PROGRAMME.

1.—War March of the Priests, Mendelesohn
2.—Familiar air and variations.
3.—Two Offertories.
(a) Offertory in D.....Battmann
(b) Offertory Funeire.....Leybach
4.—Quartette; *My* Faith looks up to Thee, by the Church Choir.
5.—March of the Jacobins.....Clark
6.—At the Lute.....Author Unknown
7.—Wedding March and Pilgrim Chorus, Wagner and Tannhauser.
8.—Soprano Solo.....The Palms
Miss Vinie Lynch.
9.—Gavotte.....From Mignon
10.—Andante, Fifth Symphony.....Beethoven
11.—Miserere, Trovatore.....Verdi
12.—Duett.....Tarry With Me
Miss Lynch and J. B. Maxwell.
13.—Grand Coronation March.....Meyerbeer
14.—Extemporization on a number of well known Hymn Tunes.
15.—Tenor Solo, The Penitent.....Van dewater
16.—Prelude and Fuge.....Bach
17.—Festal March.....Lachner
28.—Fanfaret (Trumpet Song).....Lemmens

TOWNSEND.

TOWNSEND, DEL., April 6.—Rev. Frank Carpenter filled his pulpit on Sunday. He preached an Easter sermon in the morning. The choir rendered appropriate music at both services. The congregations were large and it was evident that they were well pleased with their new minister. Prof. W. A. Hutchison had charge of the Epworth League meeting in the evening and all present enjoyed the good things which he had to tell them.

The Easter-tide has brought home to us some familiar faces, among them John Geary and wife, of Wilmington; Prof. W. A. Hutchison, of Pennington Seminary; Charles Hutchison, of Delmar; Walter Finley and James Wilson, of Philadelphia. Mr. Carpenter, of Wilmington, father of our pastor, also his sister, Mrs. Smith and her husband, of Wilmington, spent Sunday at the parsonage.

A party of masked yong folks took possession of the home of G. M. D. Hart on Friday evening. They seemed bent on having a good time and their grotesque costumes caused a great deal of merriment to those who were looking on.

The pastorate of the A. M. E. Church, of this place, was changed at the Conference held last month at Dover, Rev. Albert Lowber, the new preacher arrived on Thursday.

Harry Willey and Miss Sallie Gonce were married on Sunday evening at the parsonage.

Israel Pritchard who has been engaged in blacksmithing here for a number of years has rented his property to William Moore who will succeed him in business. Mr. Pritchard will move to Wilmington and open a grocery store. We regret very much to lose so good a citizen.

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NATURE had a full choir on Easter morning. That is more than some of our churches had. The robin, bluebird, sparrow and lark did their best to make amends for human frailties, and in their notes of praise, they shamed the silent tongue of man.

REPRESENTATIVE HENDERSON, of Iowa, predicts that the Fifty-second Congress will go down to posterity as "the know-nothing and do-nothing Congress," and indications are plenty that the Fifty-third Congress, which will be controlled by Democrats in both branches, will rival if not surpass it in knowing nothing and doing nothing.

OF THE 166 candidates for admission to the West Point Military Academy this year only 43 passed the necessary examination. How is this? Are American boys as a class deteriorating mentally and physically, or does Uncle Sam expect too much of his embryo generals? Perhaps the favoritism of Congressmen has something to do with it.

IT IS something of an excuse for the American eagle to send forth an extra scream over the fact that in this Columbian year we have under our flag the fleetest warship, the fleetest steamship, the swiftest steam yacht and sailing yachts that can lead in any international contest. The new world could not very well help being discovered by the old. For the rest it has its own discoverers.

THERE has been a red-hot, although not a public fight, over the re-organization of the Senate. It is not entirely over yet, but it has gone far enough to show that Mr. Cleveland has been defeated in his attempt to have the committee on finances made up in the interest of his own financial ideas and against silver. Senator Vorhees, a pronounced silver man, will be its chairman, and a majority of its members will be silver men.

A LARGE room has been fitted up in Horticultural Hall and here the employes of the World's Fair will present themselves in groups to stand before the camera. Every employe, every exhibitor and every person employed by the exhibitors must have their picture taken some time before the exposition opens. This will call for about 50,000 photographs, and they are to be put upon the season passes the men receive for the fair. The photographs will be about the size of a Columbian stamp.

IN THE dicussion of the propriety of convicting an accused person for a capital offense upon purely circumstantial evidence it is contended as an argument that men do business every day on circumstantial evidence. Very true, but they do not stake what is dearer than worldy possessions—their life—upon circumstantial evidence. To settle the whole question, why not abolish capital punishment? Nobody is able to present reliable evidence that the death penalty decreases the proportion of homicides and that is the only possible use it could have.

THOSE close to the administration say that the withdrawal of the Hawaiian annexation treaty from the Senate does not indicate that Mr. Cleveland is opposed to annexation. They say that he thinks a more satisfactory treaty can be negotiated and it is predicted that the new treaty will be negotiated and sent to the Senate before the present session comes to a close. In other words, if these gentmen be correct in their statements, the principal objection to the treaty was that it was negotiated by a Republican, instead of a Democratic administration.

AT the expiration of the year, the Louisiana Lottery Company will take up its abode in Honduras, a republic of Central America, that country having granted it a charter. Though it has been driven from this country, it will continue to rob our people much the same. It proposes to establish a cable and steamship line between the two countries at an American port, of which the Honduras government has free use, and without breaking any of our established laws it can still carry on its nefarious practices with impunity, unless prevented by some special action on our part.

THE Kansas women propose to vote this spring in a body if the heavy registration in the cities of the State is to be taken as an indication. In Kansas City there will be the additional inducement of a woman candidate for mayor of the city. A large number of women have qualified themselves through the registry, and it is natural that all parties should await the result of the voting and what comes afterward with something more than curiosity. The registration as might be expected furnished plenty of humor. The woman who insisted that her being only 20 years of age did not debar her from the right of suffrage as long as she had a husband, was but one of several instances of feminine characteristics. Guessing at ages seems to have been a pastime of the registry boards, and and sometimes a too far-fetched guess was promptly resented in the usual feminine way.

DELAWARE is retrograding very fast. She has a Democratic Legislature which will live in history and its members who framed the infamous bills that make the present session a disgrace to the Diamond State, will have the finger of scorn pointed at them all the rest of their lives. They deserve all the censure that can be heaped upon them. The late election was too uncomfortably close and the Democratic law makers are bound to see that it does not happen again. Not contented with disfranchising more than 600 voters in Kent and Sussex, the one-man rule in New Castle, known as the Dickey amendment, will look after this county. Every honorable man in the State cannot help but blush at the perfidy and partisan tactics of our Democratic Legislature.

THE lamp and liquor question is the all absorbing subject which is attracting considerable attention to a certain little town in Minnesota. It has been the custom to light the town from the license fees, but recently the citizens voted "no license," and those who favor the liquor traffic, including many influential citizens, declared that there could be no public lighting of the streets since the license fees were cut off. Now the little town has a public spirited Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and they immediately began to look about to see what they could do to save the town from darkness, and at the same time lend a hand toward thwarting the rum power. They soon collected, by subscription, money to furnish the oil, and having obtained charge of the lamps, they allotted one lamp to each girl, whose daily task is to fill, trim and light her own particular lamp. The Young Men's Total Abstinance Legion resolved to co-operate with these wise virgins, and in spite of the chargin and indignation of "the influential citizens" the little town of Eyota is now as well, nay, better lighted than under the old rule.

APRIL days were never more beautiful than those that brightened the earth at Easter-tide. Birds, flowers and sunshine added their joyful tribute to the Risen Lord, and all nature rejoiced in a perfect Easter Sunday. The perfume of Easter lillies mingled their fragrance with the incense of worship, Easter anthems filled the sanctuaries with melody, and everywhere the Resurrection was the theme in pulpit and pew.

ARBOR Day is now recognized and observed by nearly every state in the union, and since it was first instituted it is estimated that billions of trees have been planted throughout the country. Public schools and colleges have taken it up, and parents and teachers are instilling in the minds of our youth the importance of planting fruit trees, shade trees or forest trees along the road-side, by the school house or in the door-yard. The governors of the several States designate and proclaim a day in April for the planting of forest trees, making it a holiday. Not only in the virgin soil of the Western prairies, but in our older Eastern States, where, from greed or ignorance, the ruthless hand of the vandal has destroyed the primeval forest, the subject is taking deep root and not merely for shade and comfort, but for timber, the question urges its own importance upon the minds or our legislators and patriots. While many trees, such as the oak and elm, require more than one generation for maturity, there are many others, among them the maple and walnut, that make rapid growth, and the hand that plants may enjoy the first fruit of its labor.

There is a wholesome sentimentality that lingers about tree-planting, and even the most untutored are not insensible to its influence, for he that plants a tree

"Plants the forest's heritage;
The harvest of a coming age,
The joy that unborn eyes shall see."

Our own little State might profitably join the ranks of the arborites. The roadside cherry tree and apple tree that made glad the hearts of the school children of former generations are becoming notably fewer, and the weary pedestrian misses the grateful shade and shelter their wide spreading branches offered. Let us have and keep Arbor Day, and let us plant and nourish trees that will be a blessing to the neighborhood long after we have gone hence.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 3, 1893.—Democratic Senators are figuratively moving Heaven and earth to prevent the investigation of the charge of criminal embezzlement made against Senator Roach, of North Dakota, directed by Senator Hoar's resolution. They first tried a bluff by stating that other Senators were in the same boat with Roach, and intimating that Power, of Montana, was one of them. That didn't work, not even a little bit, for Senator Power promptly denounced it as false and demanded the most searching investigation, two things which Roach has not done. The Democratic Senators have good reason to fear any thing that promises to expose the true inwardness of the election of Roach to the Senate, which was brought about by special and explicit directions from Senator Gorman, who was chairman of the Democratic Senatorial "steering" committee. There is good reason for the belief that the actual facts in the deal by which Roach became Senator would, if made public, cause a national scandal with more or less disgraceful ramifications in a number of States. The Democratic Senators are now making personal appeals to the most easy-going Republican Senators, to let the whole matter drop, because whatever the result of the investigation so far as Roach is concerned it will bring a scandal upon the good name of the Senate that will cling to it at home and abroad for many years. I have no authority to speak for Republican Senators, but I violate no confidence in stating that a number of them have made up their minds that something has got to be done, and if Roach doesn't resign before the Senate gets through with the cases of the appointed Senators, now under consideration, they propose to have some action taken upon Senator Hoar's resolution, or to let the country know why. It has just been learned that the new programme of the Democratic Senators is to force an immediate adjournment of the Senate as soon as the cases of the appointed Senators are disposed of. They are perfectly willing to postpone the election of the Senate officers until the meeting of the extra session, which Mr. Cleveland has decided to call in September. The excuse given is that it will be impossible to keep a quorum of Senators here after these cases are voted upon. It has been suggested that if the Senate fails to act Mr. Roach may be arrested and tried in the criminal court for embezzling the funds of the bank of which he was cashier, but such a proceeding is not probable.

The break between Mr. Cleveland and ex Speaker Crisp, which last week looked as though it would result in bringing forward a new candidate for the Speakership of the House, in opposition to Crisp, and backed by all the influence of the administration, has been, it is now understood, patched up by the administration of an extra heavy dose of humble pie to Crisp. It was not, however, forced upon him, but he went to the White House and asked for it. Under this aggreement which is not much more humbling to Mr. Crisp than the one made in New York just before the meeting of the last session of Congress, the Georgian is to be elected Speaker of the House again and to draw the salary and perform the routine duties of the position but real authority is to be exercised by Mr. Cleveland, who has already determined that Mr. Springer Chairman of the Ways and Means committee, and Mr. Holman, chairman of the Appropriation committee, shall not again be placed at the heads of those committees.

The reason why Mr Cleveland has not appointed a Commissioner of Pensions has leaked out. He has so far failed to find a man who comes up to all requirements and is at the same time willing to pledge himself to do certain things which are to be required of the new Commissioner. It has been, so those in his confidence say, definitely decided by Mr. Cleveland that the Commissioner must be an Eastern man who does not belong to the G. A. R., and that he shall be willing to inaugurate a system of handling applications that will place as many restrictions and as much humiliation upon the applicants as can possibly be done by stretching the existing laws to the limit, in the wrong direction, to say nothing to treating pensioners already on the rolls as frauds who have no right to be there.

Democrats are making a mare's nest out of the pretended new discovery that ex-Secretary of State Foster, who is in charge of the interest of the United States before the Bering Sea Arbitration Tribunal, made liberal allowance for expenses to the employees of the Government who were ordered to Paris in connection with the arbitration proceedings. This is poppycock, pure and simple. Would any business establishment send its employees to a foreign country without making them an allowance in addition to their salaries, to pay their expenses? And is the wealthy Government of the United States to treat its employes with less liberality than private firms? Common sense can have but one answer to these questions.

Grant as a Sphinx.

The following letter is printed in the concluding part of the correspondence of General and Senator Sherman, in the *Century* for April:

MANSFIELD, OHIO, August 9, 1867.

DEAR BROTHER:—It is now becoming extremely important to know precisely what Grant wants in connection with the Presidency. If he has really made up his mind that he would like to hold that office he can have it. Popular opinion is all in his favor. His position is the rare one of having that office within his easy reach, and yet it is clear that his interests are against his acceptance. The moment he is nominated he at once becomes the victim of abuse and even his great services will not shield him. Our politics for years will be a maelstrom, destroying and building up reputations with rapidity. My conviction is clear that Grant ought not to change his present position to that of President; and if he declines, then by all odds Chase is the safest man for the country. He is wise, politic, and safe. Our finances, the public credit and the general interest of all parts of the country will be safe with him. His opinions are advanced on the suffrage question, but this waived, would be a most conservative President. He is not a partisan; scarcely enough for his own interests; still, if Grant wishes to be President, all other candidates will have to stand aside. I see nothing in his way unless he is foolish enough to connect his future with the Democratic party. This party cannot dictate the next President. They would deaden any man they praise. Even Grant could not overcome any fellowship with them. If they should take wise course in future political questions, their course during the war will bar their way. You may not think so, but I know it. The strength is with the Repulicans, not of the Butler stripe, but with just that kind of men who would be satisfied with the position of Grant. The suffrage and reconstruction questions will be settled before the election, and in such a way as to secure the Republican party an even chance in every Southern State except Kentucky.

"I agree with you that Indian wars will not cease until all the Indian tribes are absorbed in our population, and can be controlled by constables instead of soldiers.

"I mean to remain as quiet as possible this fall, I am not now in high favor with the Radicals, and can afford to wait awhile. The election in Ohio will go as usual. The suffrage amendment will be adopted by a close vote, and that will settle forever the negro question in Ohio. A reaction and struggle may occur in the South, but no change will occur in the loyal States until they divide on financial questions. This is inevitable after the next election. Affectionately yours,

JOHN SHERMAN."

The Story of Whittier's "Snow Bound."

It should be an interesting fact to the readers of this magazine that one of Whittier's best beloved poems was originally intended for a forerunner of St. Nicholas. When the publishers of one of the first juvenile periodicals, "Our Young Folks," were casting about for clever people to make strong their early numbers, John G. Whittier was one of the first to whom they made application; they asked him to write about his boy life. Happening to be in the office of the publisher at the time, making arrangements for some illustrations, I heard much of the correspondence.

In response to another letter from Mr. James T. Fields about the contribution, the poet replied substantially, "Oh, the matter has grown beyond all bounds! Thee wanted twelve stanzas, and three times that are now written and the story has scarcely begun; and, moreover, I fear thee will not like it." Mr. Fields telegraphed, "Send it along and let me judge for myself." The next morning Mr. Fields thrust the first pages of "Snow-Bound" into my hand, remarking, "What do you think of that for a Christmas book? There is a picture in every line"; and truly it was so. The sheets were sent back with just eight words attached:

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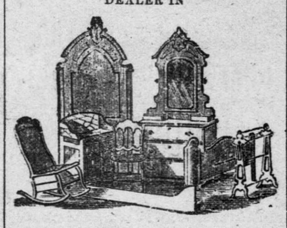

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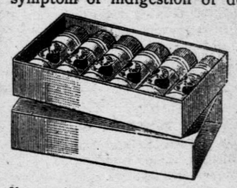

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